



**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Patent Application of:  <b>Brian A. Leete, et al.</b>  Serial No. 10/726,363  Filed: December 2, 2003  For: <b>APPARATUS FOR PERIOD PROMOTION AVOIDANCE FOR HUBS</b>	Examiner: Chun Kuan Lee  Art Unit: 2181
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.